

What is claimed is:

1. A hearing instrument, comprising:

a housing, the housing comprising an opening for an electronics module and an inside surface; and

5 an electronics module for insertion into the opening of the hearing instrument housing, comprising:

upper and lower surfaces;

a peripheral surface, between the upper and lower surfaces, conforming to the opening in the housing;

10 a door and hinge; and

a tab in the vicinity of the hinge, protruding outwardly from the module with respect to the peripheral surface.

2. A hearing instrument as set forth in claim 1, where the tab is located on
15 the on the lower surface of the module and comprises an upper surface parallel to and adjacent the inner surface of the housing when the module is seated in the opening of the housing.

3. A module for insertion into an opening in a hearing instrument housing, where the housing comprises an inside surface, comprising:

upper and lower surfaces;

a peripheral surface, between the upper and lower surfaces,

5 conforming to the opening in the housing;

a door and hinge; and

a tab in the vicinity of the hinge, protruding outwardly from the module with respect to the peripheral surface.

10 4. A module as set forth in claim 3, where the tab is located on the lower surface of the module and comprises an upper surface parallel to and adjacent the inner surface of the housing when the module is seated in the opening of the housing.

15 5. A module as set forth in claim 4, where the upper surface of the tab opposes the inside surface of the hearing instrument housing.

6. A force-opposing tab for a hearing instrument module residing in an opening in a hearing instrument housing, where

the housing comprises an inside surface, and

5 the module comprises upper and lower surfaces, a peripheral surface, between the upper and lower surfaces, conforming to the opening in the housing, and a door and hinge;

the tab comprising:

10 a member, in the vicinity of the hinge, protruding outwardly from the module with respect to the peripheral surface.

7. A force-opposing tab as set forth in claim 6, where the member is located on the lower surface of the module and comprises an upper surface parallel to and adjacent the inner surface of the housing when the module is
15 seated in the opening of the housing.